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| In re Patent Application of   | ) | <b>MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE</b> |
| Hiroyuki Kano et al.          | ) |                            |
| Application No.: 10/699,647   | ) | Group Art Unit: 3661       |
| Filed: November 4, 2003       | ) | Examiner: Yonel Beaulieu   |
| For: AUTOMATIC CLUTCH CONTROL | ) | Confirmation No.: 3942     |
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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for indicating in the Notice of Allowance for the above-captioned application that Claims 1-11 are allowed.

In reviewing our records in preparation for payment of the issue fee, we discovered that Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-272761 was listed and enclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 31, 2004 and received by the United States Patent Office, as evidenced by its appearance on the Image File Wrapper for the above-identified application, but was inadvertently omitted from the form PTO-1449 that accompanied the First Information Disclosure Statement. For the Examiner's convenience, attached is a photocopy of the First Information Disclosure Statement; a form PTO-1449, listing JP 6-272761; and a copy of JP 6-272761 with English-language translation as previously submitted. It is respectfully requested that the form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned to the undersigned acknowledging consideration of the Japanese document.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned attorney for Applicants requests that he be contacted at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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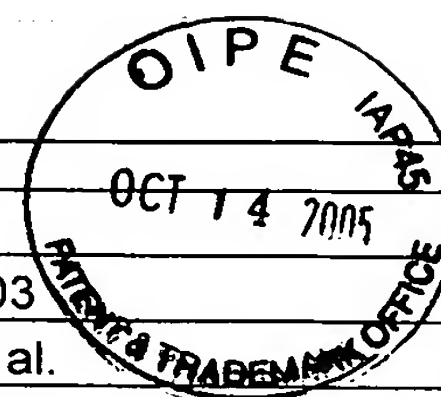
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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| Examiner<br>Initials | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. |
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**FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 60-44641. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is also attached.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-79374. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is also attached.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-215435. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,732,246.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-247931. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,899,279.

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Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-272761. An English-language translation of this document obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, as well as an English-language abstract. As noted on the English language translation, the translation was made by computer and thus may not precisely reflect the original document.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-42443. An English-language translation of this document obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, as well as an English-language abstract. As noted on the English language translation, the translation was made by computer and thus may not precisely reflect the original document.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-220940. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,732,055.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-235241. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,899,857.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-200399. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,634,867.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-36912. An English-language translation of this document obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, as well as an English-language abstract. As noted on the English language translation, the translation was made by computer and thus may not precisely reflect the original document.

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Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-88009. An English-language translation of this document obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, as well as an English-language abstract. As noted on the English language translation, the translation was made by computer and thus may not precisely reflect the original document.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed, except that copies of the listed U.S. patents are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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